



FREDERICK COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	1,346	1,429	1,273
Average Size (acres)	166	153	154
Land in Farms (acres)	222,768	218,044	195,827
Livestock Inventory ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	73,252	64,460	52,940
Hogs	2,811	5,006	2,483
Sheep	2,625	3,472	2,646
2002 Value of Sales ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			96,753
Milk (\$1,000)			50,042
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			10,271
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			²
Demographic Data ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	54.1	55.7	56.0
Percent Female Operators	4.2	11.5	15.2
2002 Equine Census			
Number of Equine Places			2,180
Equine Inventory			8,290
Value of Equine Inventory			\$47,310,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Corn for Grain	9	Soybeans	8
Barley	2	Vegetables	13
Forage	1	Wheat	6

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Beef Cattle	1	Milk Cows	1
Broilers	21	Sheep	3
Hogs	7		

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	22,100	80.5	1,778,000
	2003	23,500	124.8	2,932,800
	2004	29,500	133.5	3,938,900
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	25,400	10.6	268,700
	2003	20,000	18.6	372,000
	2004	15,100	24.9	375,700
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	22,200	28.6	634,600
	2003	20,500	43.4	890,200
	2004	30,100	42.8	1,288,200
Wheat (bushels)	2002	11,900	61.0	726,000
	2003	12,000	38.9	466,300
	2004	10,600	62.6	663,435
Hay (tons)	2002	44,900	2.3	102,100
	2003	41,000	2.7	112,700
	2004	45,500	2.4	110,800
Barley (bushels)	2002	4,600	81.1	373,100
	2003	4,600	61.0	280,800
	2004	4,800	58.7	281,700

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$59.97	\$50.57	\$55.55

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